REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants note, with appreciation, Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 5-8.

By this Amendment, Claim 5 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form, Claims 1, 4, 6, and 7 have been canceled, and Claim 2 has been amended to depend from Claim 5. As a result of the foregoing actions, all having been taken without prejudice or disclaimer, this application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that this application be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to

Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10227) any fees under 37

C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing

of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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